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 Assignee: International Business Machines Corporation
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 Serial No.: 10/765,789
 Examiner: Nguyen, John Quoc Filed: January 26, 2004
 Docket No.: TUC9-2003-0152-US1 Group Art Unit: 3654

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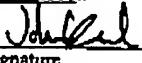
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on January 9, 2006. In response to the noted restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group 1, Claims 1-6, 12-17, 23-26, 32, and 34. Applicants hereby withdraw claims 7-11, 18-22, 27-31, 33 and 35.

Should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the numbers provided below.

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